

# Sourcing with Confidence

Things to look at	Green Lights (Keep going, These aren't bad signs) Update estimates in <i>Vitals</i> section, You can also fix transcription errors in the source. Ask us how!	Yellow Lights (Slow down, Look Closer) If you have <b>3 or more</b> Yellow Lights, <b><u>STOP</u></b> and do more research, fix errors, or get an experts opinion	Red Lights (Stop, Ask for an experienced opinion) If you have <b>1</b> Red Light, <b><u>STOP</u></b> and get an experts opinion
Names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source provides initials instead of first or middle name</li> <li>Source provides a commonly accepted nickname</li> <li>Source's image proves an clear transcription error</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source provides a similar name</li> <li>Source's middle initials are slightly different</li> <li>Source provides a married name</li> <li>Source provides persons middle name as their first name</li> <li>Source provides name as "Mrs [Husbands name]"</li> <li>Source's image shows a possible transcription error</li> <li>The person you are attaching has a sibling with the same name</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source provides a different name</li> <li>Source provides an unknown married name</li> <li>Source provides names that don't make sense with the current information of the family</li> </ul>
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source's relationships match the peoples relationships with some people missing from source</li> <li>Source has more people than the family does</li> <li>Source matches the individual perfectly but the source provides little information about the parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source has a different spouse than the person.</li> <li>Source's information would have children born when parents are too old or young or outside of wedlock</li> <li>Source mother is different than the birth mother</li> <li>The family or the source has 2 people with the same name (i.e. father and son)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source's parent(s) don't match the family</li> <li>Source's parents almost match the family's parents</li> <li>Detaching the source from others is necessary</li> </ul>

Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source's date is a few days or months</li> <li>• Source's image proves an clear transcription error (i.e. swapping month/day, wrong century)</li> <li>• Source date doesn't match the person's estimated or unsourced date</li> <li>• Source's (that aren't birth records) reports birth dates that are within 2 years off (US Censuses can easily be up to 4 years off)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sources day or month don't match but year does</li> <li>• Source's image proves an possible transcription error (i.e. hard to read numbers)</li> <li>• Source's (that aren't birth records) reports birth dates that are more than 3 years off (If US Census, more than 5 year)</li> <li>• Source's marriage date within 2 weeks of known marriage dates and in US</li> <li>• Source birth year is more than 5 years apart from current information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source provides a 2<sup>nd</sup> specific christening date</li> <li>• Source provides a specific date that conflicts with the current information of person</li> <li>• Source's accurate dates don't make sense with the current information of person</li> </ul>
Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source's place is the in the same place but less specific (i.e. county vs town)</li> <li>• Source lists nearby bigger city instead of the smaller town</li> <li>• Source lists a known residence location</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source lists a new place from known information</li> <li>• Source lists correct city name but the transcription provides wrong country (i.e. the source lists Paris, which could be Paris, France or Paris, Idaho)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source provides a 2<sup>nd</sup> location in same US census</li> <li>• Source place doesn't match the current information of person</li> <li>• Source place doesn't make sense with the current information of person</li> </ul>